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to W. L. Garrison
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Dear Friend

Your letter of the 16 Aug. by the honest & faithful hand of James Lally. and also yours of Sept 9 were both duly received the principal point in the first was J Q Adams "crack-brained" remark to Judge Bacon respecting the Abolitionists — That stick which Adams dropped reminds me of a line from Fisher Ames "If that sentiment did not come from the rottenness of the heart. it must have escaped through some crack in the brain". The question with us is whether we should compel him to be more cautious in watching that crack or ~~compel~~ make him ~~to~~ take up the stick which he dropped with Judge Bacon by giving him a rap with the ballot box or as Rogers would express it about N. H. theology a "divine slap".

I have not consulted with many friends about that matter — Loring says if the remark was uttered deliberately in any public place or occasion he would not let it pass. but as it was a private conversation at his own house. he thinks it best not to notice it — Loring doubts if Adams spoke it in the way that Bacon report it Adams may have thot that, but he is too politic to let it escape him thro' any of his cracks

I reminded Loring that Rev. S K Lothrop was present during that conversation & that if Adams did say it we could prove it by that witness. to which Loring replied that we could not rely upon that witness Lothrop would lie about it if it became necessary.

Loring is of opinion that we had better not notice it — & I am inclined to think so too at least for the present. the rod that we should use however had better be kept in pickle. it will be nearly two years before we can use it with effect. in the mean time let us see how he behaves ——— But I must hasten to reply to yours of the 9th inst.

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Oliver Johnson has been a long time absent from the city & he is hourly expected to return & I will go with him to find such a house as he thinks would answer your purposes. he shall not wait for me in this matter & one of us will write you without delay. — That house in Carver Street has been sold, the purchaser will let it for $375- perhaps 350- you doubtless will recollect its location & conveniences -- first floor has front room. kitchen sink room. store closet & that little office on the right hand as you go in — 2d floor has two parlors with folding doors. altho' both together make about 20 feet square & two bed rooms & 4th attic one large & 3. three chambers one small chamber — it is a small house & of course all the rooms are small but well arranged for its size— I shall ask Oliver to look at it first.

Wendell Phillips handed me ten sovereigns (abt $50") yesterday sent by Elizabeth Pease in aid of the Liberator with a request from her that it should go to you - it gives me very great pleasure I assure you to take this donation from her hand & put it into yours, after changing it into a more convenient form to send - I herewith enclose you $50" in bills of the Washington Bank. Boston. & our devoted & excellent friend Abby Kelly will be the bearer of this to you. she has been in the city several days & will tell you all the Anti-Slavery news — — I am glad to hear that Mrs Garrison & her Mother are getting better, had I the power to heal by a touch I would instantly make another journey to Northampton

Truly yours F. JACKSON